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Introduction

Free time is very important. It's good for you to do something different after school or work. It's also fun! Many of our favorite free-time activities are popular all around the world.











Which activities can you see here? What do you do in your free time? What activities are popular in your country?

Now read and discover more about free-time activities around the world!



Soccer is the most popular sport in the world and it's a big part of life in Brazil. People here love to watch and play soccer in their free time.

In Brazil you don't need a pitch or expensive boots to play soccer. People play soccer in the street and on the beach. Children often play with no boots.

Some people think that Brazilians are good at soccer because they learn a special way to play when they are children. They learn to play a type of soccer called *futsal*. There are five players in each team. The ball is small, but it's full of sand so it's very heavy.

Futsal started in South America, but now it's popular in many other countries.





In Nunavut in the north of Canada, winter is from September to June. So there's a lot of time for snow sports. Skiing and tobogganing are very popular. Dog sledding is another exciting snow sport. The driver sits in the sled and the dogs pull

it over the snow. Every year there is a big dog sled race.

There aren't many roads in Nunavut. In winter most people travel by snowmobile or plane.

In Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, the summer is very hot. It's even warm in winter, but it's still a good place for snow sports!

Dubai has the biggest snow dome in the world. People come here for skiing, snowboarding, and tobogganing. It's very, very cold in the snow dome, but it's much hotter outside. The snow dome is in the desert!





In India there are many different types of dance. Bollywood dance is very popular, and many people are learning it in their free time. This type of dance is fast and colorful.

Bollywood is the name of India's most famous movie industry. In Bollywood movies there is always singing and dancing.

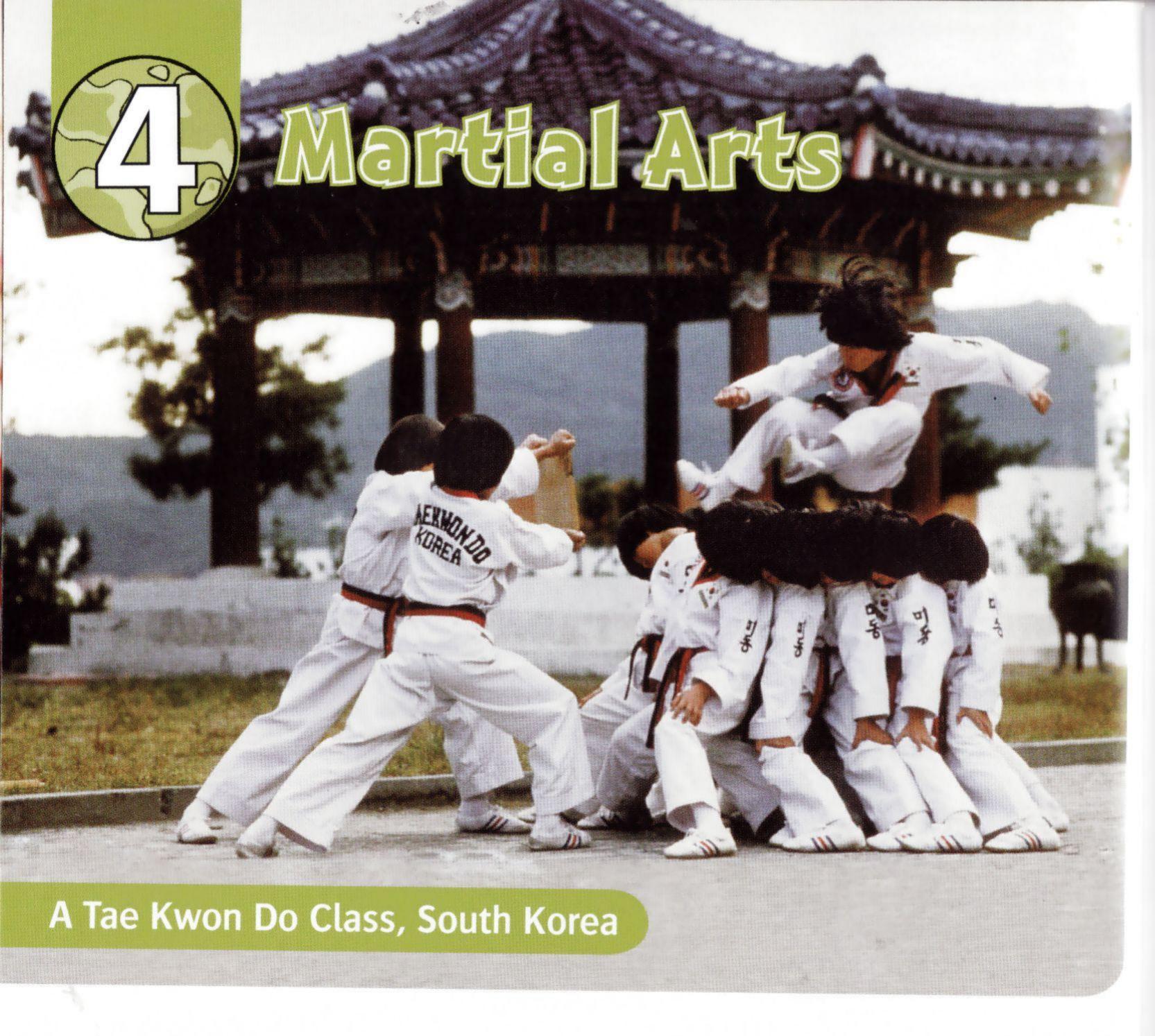
Bollywood is the biggest movie industry in the world. It makes about 1,000 movies every year.



Bollywood dancers wear colorful clothes. They also wear jewelry like earrings, necklaces, and lots of bangles. Between their eyebrows, they have a mark or jewel called a bindi.

Bollywood dance started in India, but now it's popular all around the world. You can watch a Bollywood movie or go to





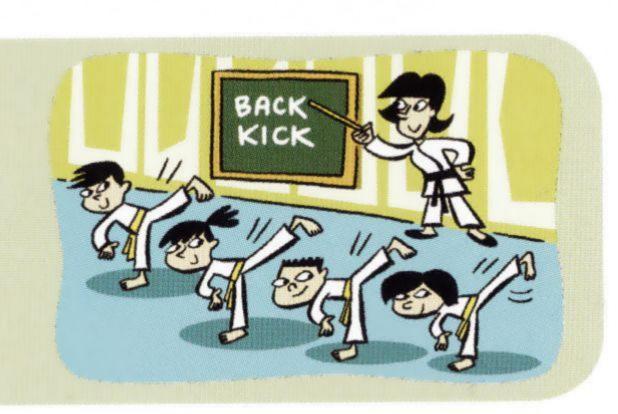
Tae kwon do is a national sport in South Korea and it's the most popular martial art in the world. About 70 million people in 188 different countries practice tae kwon do in their free time.

Tae kwon do means 'the way of hands and feet'. Students learn different moves with these parts of the body. They also learn how to balance, and how to control the body.



Students wear different-colored belts to show their level. The first belt is white. The other colors are yellow, green, blue, red, and black. When students are practicing for the next level, they wear a striped belt. The last belt is the black belt.

In some schools in Korea there are *Taeglish* lessons.
Students learn tae kwon do and English at the same time.





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All around the world, people like to read books, newspapers, magazines, and comic books. In Japan, reading manga is a really popular free-time activity.

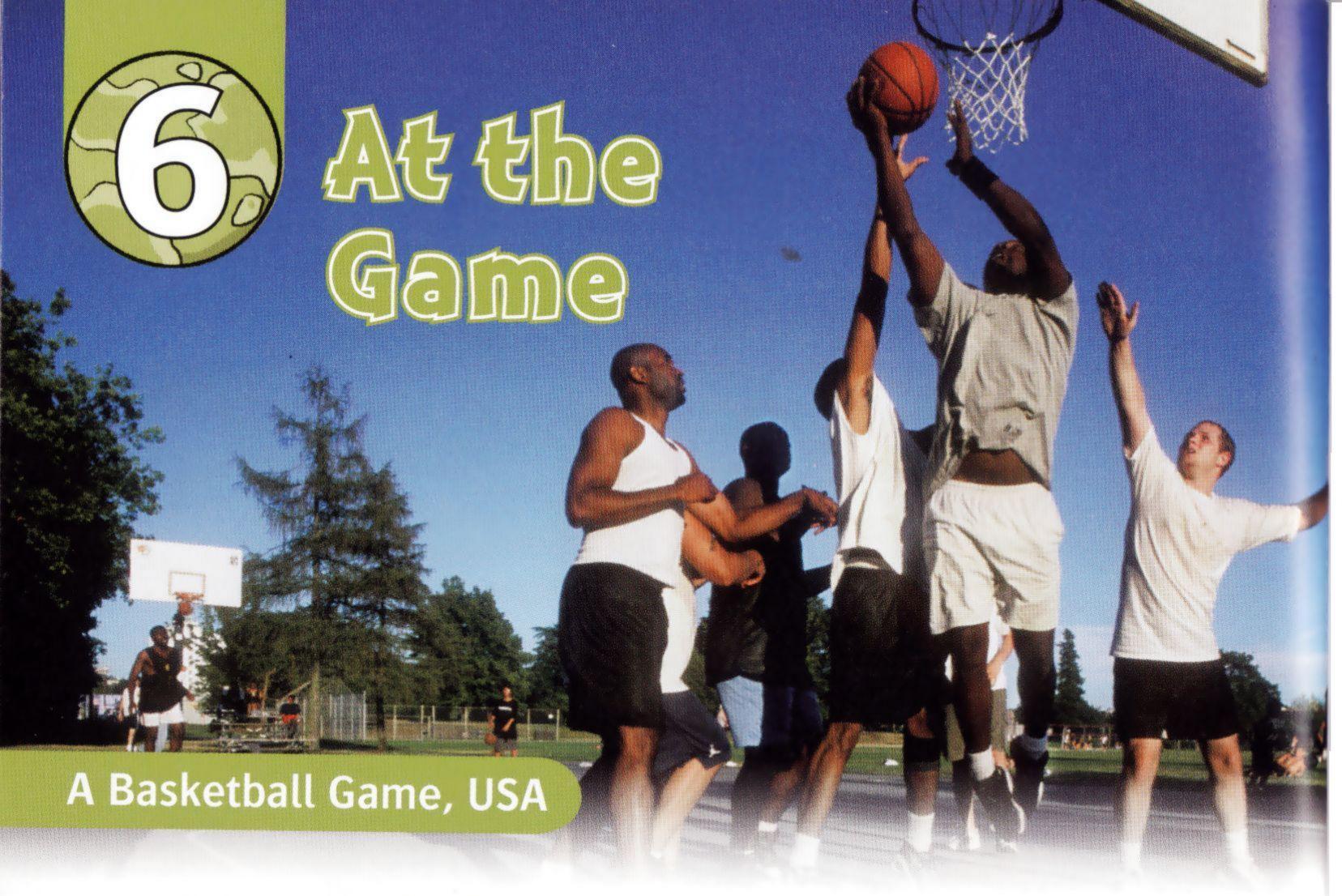
Manga is a type of comic book. In manga there are words and pictures to tell a story or give information. There are lots of different types of manga, for example, adventure, mystery, science fiction, and comedy. There is manga for all ages.





You can find manga on the Internet, too. There are also manga computer games and manga cartoons on television. There are even manga cafés, where you can look at manga on the Internet, or read manga books and magazines.

Manga started in Japan, but it's now popular in many countries. Some libraries in the USA have manga reading groups.



Basketball is the most popular team sport in the USA. Many students are in school or college teams. Lots of other people play the game in their free time, on courts or in their gardens.

Basketball is a fast game. It's fun to play and it's fun to watch. People like to support their friends or family at the games. They also watch their favorite team on television.

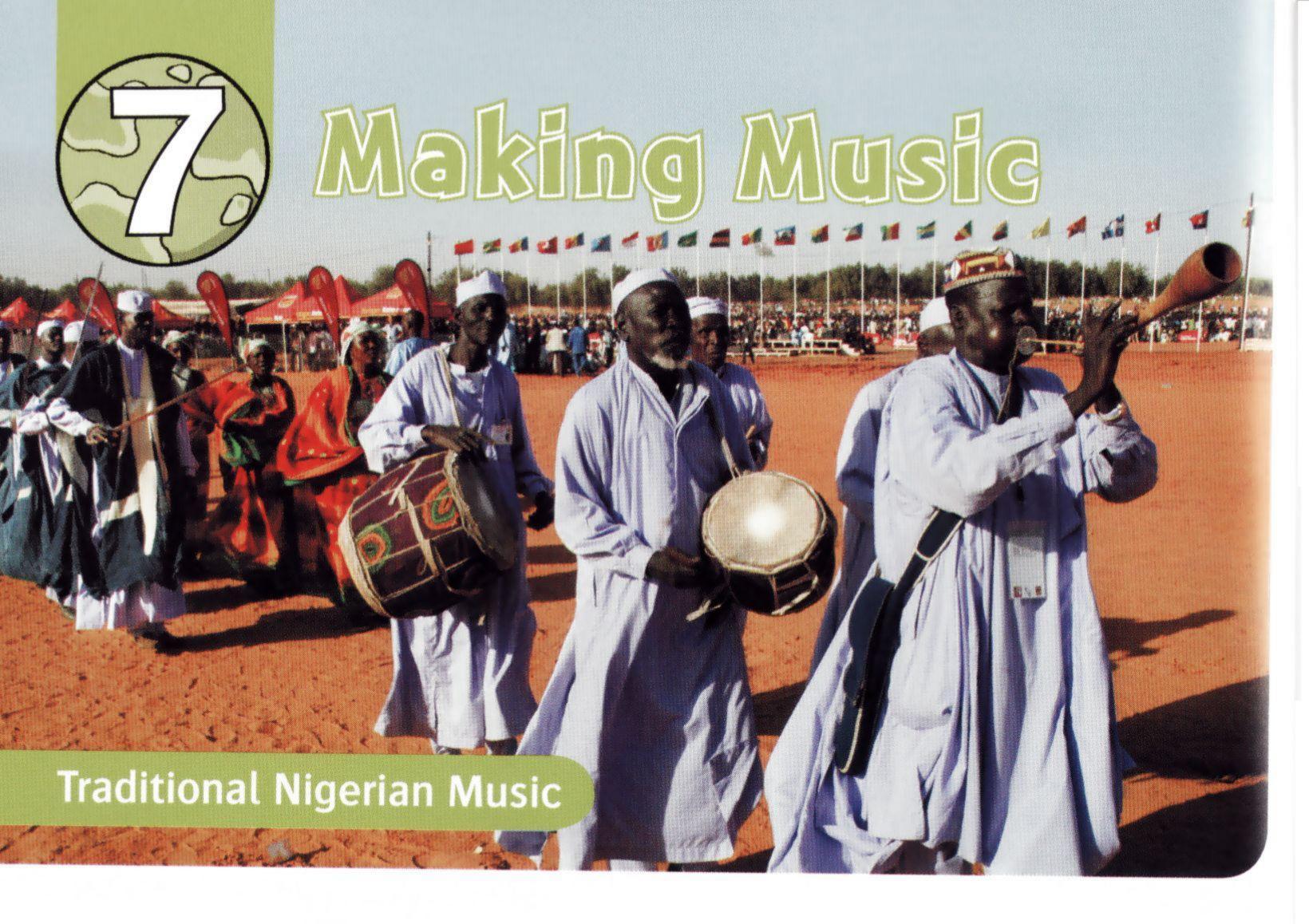
Basketball is very popular in China. About 300 million people play it, and 450 million people watch it on television.

Cheerleaders support their team at the games. About three million people in the USA are in cheerleading groups. Today most cheerleaders are female, but when cheerleading started it was only for men!

Cheerleading isn't easy. You have to be good at dance and gymnastics.

Cheerleaders at a Game





Music is very popular all around the world. It's a very important part of life in Nigeria, in Africa. People here sing, dance, and play music at important times in their lives.

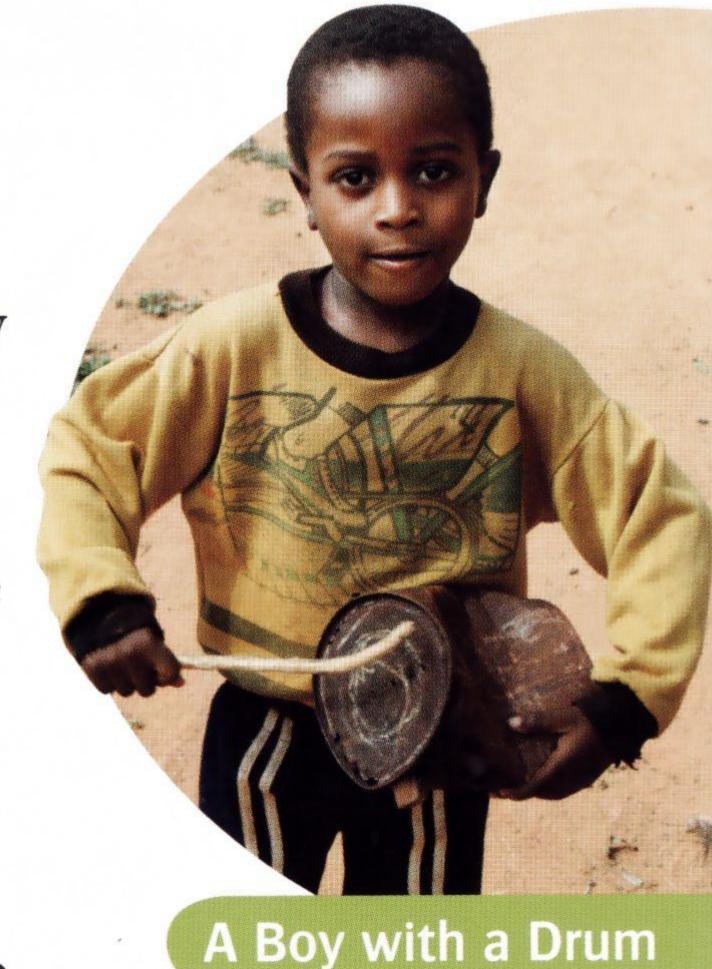
In traditional Nigerian music, there is singing, and people play instruments. There are percussion instruments like drums, bells, and rattles. There are other instruments like pipes and trumpets, too.

The kakaki trumpet can be 4 meters long.
Only men play it.



Nigerian children sometimes make their own instruments. They make drums from tin cans, and pipes from plants. They also make rattles from fruits.

Lots of different types of modern music are popular in Nigeria, too.



Some modern music, like jazz, reggae, and rock, came from traditional African music.



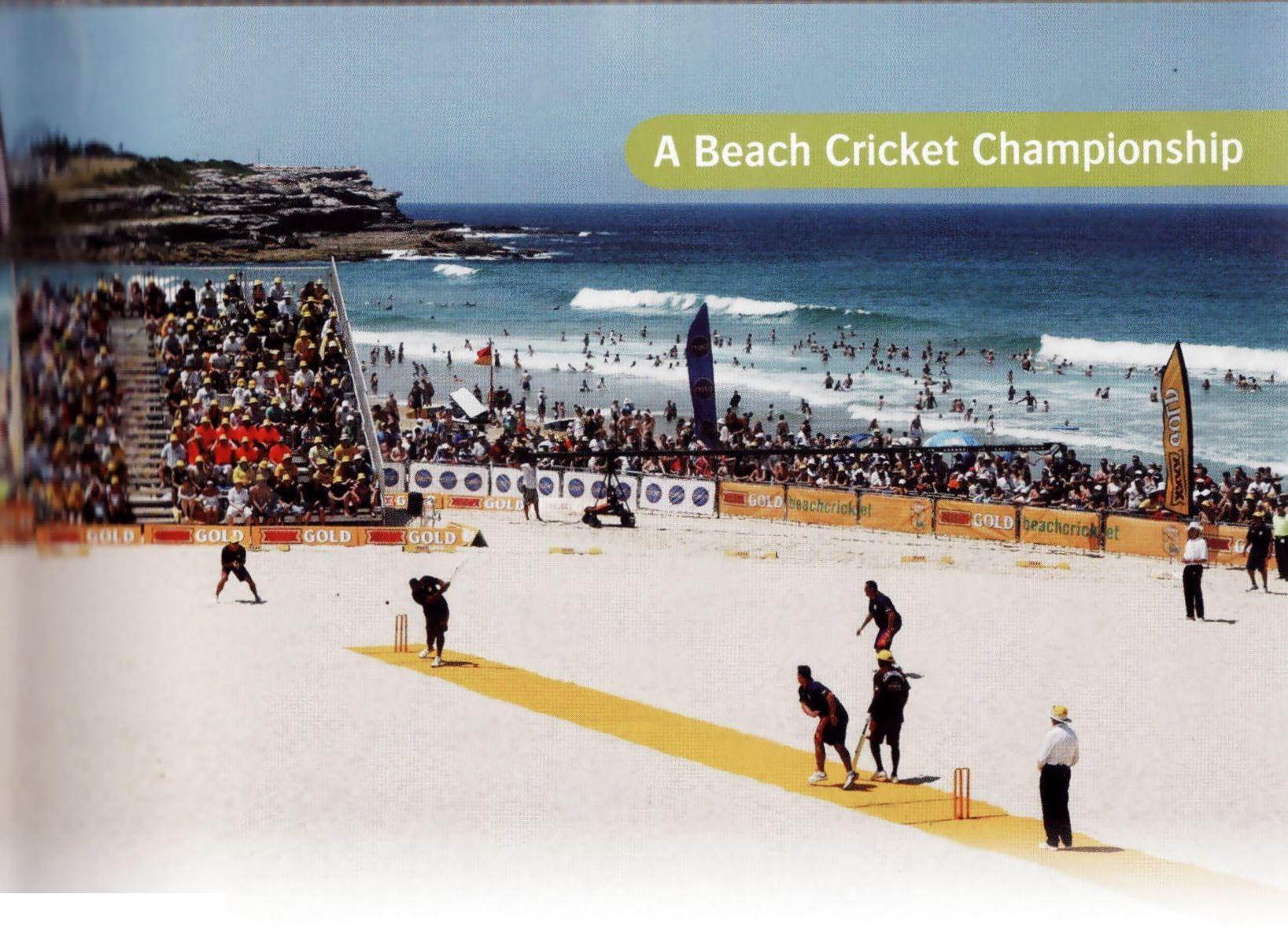


Beach Sports

In Australia there are about 26,000 kilometers of coast and about 11,000 beaches. Most people live near the ocean and many Australians spend a lot of their free time at the beach.

Many beaches in Australia are great for surfing. Kayaking, swimming, and snorkeling are popular water sports, too. Australia has thousands of surf lifeguards to keep the beaches safe.





On the sand, people play beach volleyball and beach cricket. Beach cricket started as a fun activity, but now it's an official sport. There are beach cricket championships every year in Australia.

You can go sandsurfing on some beaches, and also in the desert in countries like Peru and Egypt.





SCOUTEINE

Scouting started in the United Kingdom in 1907. The first Scouts were boys from 11 to 18 years old. They went camping and walking in their free time. They learned how to read maps and make fires.

Today, Scouting isn't only for boys. Anyone from 6 to 25 years old can be a Scout. Scouts still go camping and walking, but there are lots of other exciting activities.



Scouts can do land activities like climbing and skateboarding, and water activities like sailing, kayaking, and snorkeling.

Sometimes they can even do air activities like paragliding.

Scouts have fun, but they also work together to help other people and the countryside. Do you have Scouts in your country?





Cycling is a very popular free-time activity all around the world. In the Netherlands about 85 percent (%) of people go cycling. Most of the land is flat, so it's a good place to cycle. It's also very safe. There are 17,000 kilometers of cycle paths, and most of the time, cars have to wait for bicycles.

BMX riding is another popular activity in many countries. There are two types of BMX riding – racing and freestyle.

BMX racers travel around a track and try to win a race. It isn't easy, and there are lots of jumps and turns. In BMX freestyle, riders do jumps and tricks. The best place to practice BMX freestyle is in a skatepark.

Which new free-time activities do you want to do now?



Read pages 4-5.

1 Write the words.

boots pitch ball player team



1 pitch



2 ____



3 ____



4



5 _____

2 Complete the sentences.

sand popular street boots five

- 1 Soccer is the most <u>popular</u> sport in the world.
- 2 In Brazil people play soccer in the _____.
- 3 Brazilian children often play soccer with no
- 4 There are _____ players in each futsal team.
- 5 A futsal ball is full of _____.

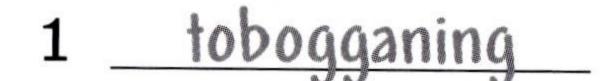
3	W	rite soccer or futsal.	
	1	People play this game outside.	soccer
	2	There are five players in each team.	
	3	It's the most popular game in the world.	
	4	The ball is small.	
	5	The ball is heavy.	
	6	It started in South America.	
4	0	rder the words.	
	1	popular / Soccer / very / a / sport. / is	
		Soccer is a very popular sport.	
	2	watching / playing / like / People / and	/ soccer.
	3	expensive / need / boots. / don't / You	
	4	Brazilian / children / Many / futsal. / pla	ay
	5	five / There / a / team. / players / are / ii	า / futsal
	6	ball / sand. / full / of / The / is / futsal	

2) Snow Sports

Read pages 6-7.

Find and write the snow sports.



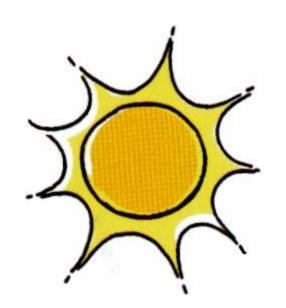


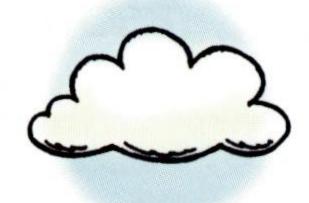




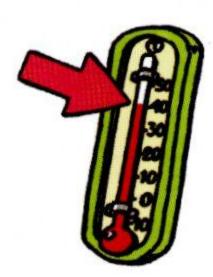
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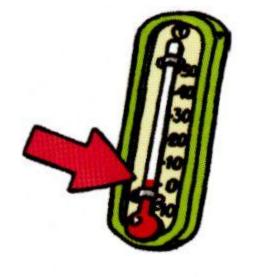
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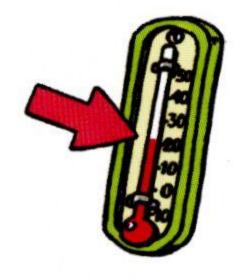












	Wı	rite colder or hotter.
	1	Winter in Nunavut is than winter in Dubai.
	2	The temperature in the snow dome is than the temperature outside.
	3	It's usually in Dubai than in Nunavut.
	4	Summer in Dubai is much than summer in Nunavut.
1	Aı	nswer the questions.
	1	What snow sports can you do in Nunavut?
		Skiing, tobogganing, and dog sledding.
	2	What happens every year in Nunavut?
	3	Can you go dog sledding in Dubai?
	4	How is the weather outside the snow dome?
	5	What sports do you do in summer?
	6	What sports do you do in winter?

13) Let's Dancel

- Read pages 8-9.
- 1 Circle the correct words.
 - 1 Bollywood dance started in India / Japan.
 - 2 In Bollywood movies there is sometimes / always singing and dancing.
 - 3 The dances are slow / fast.
 - 4 The dancers wear colorful / black clothes.
 - 5 Bollywood dance is / isn't popular in other countries.
 - 6 Bollywood makes 1,000 dances / movies every year.
- 2 Write the words

necklace earring bangles bindi

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3 Order the words.

- 1 dance. / many / of / there / different / In /
 India / are / types
- 2 popular / world. / Bollywood / all / is / dance /
 around / the
- 3 and / dance / fast / Bollywood / colorful. / is
- 4 1,000 / makes / movies / about / year. / Bollywood / every
- 5 wear / Bollywood / clothes / colorful / and / dancers / jewelry.

4 Answer the questions.

- 1 Do you like dancing?
- 2 What dances are popular in your country?
- 3 What do people wear for these dances?

4 Martial Arts

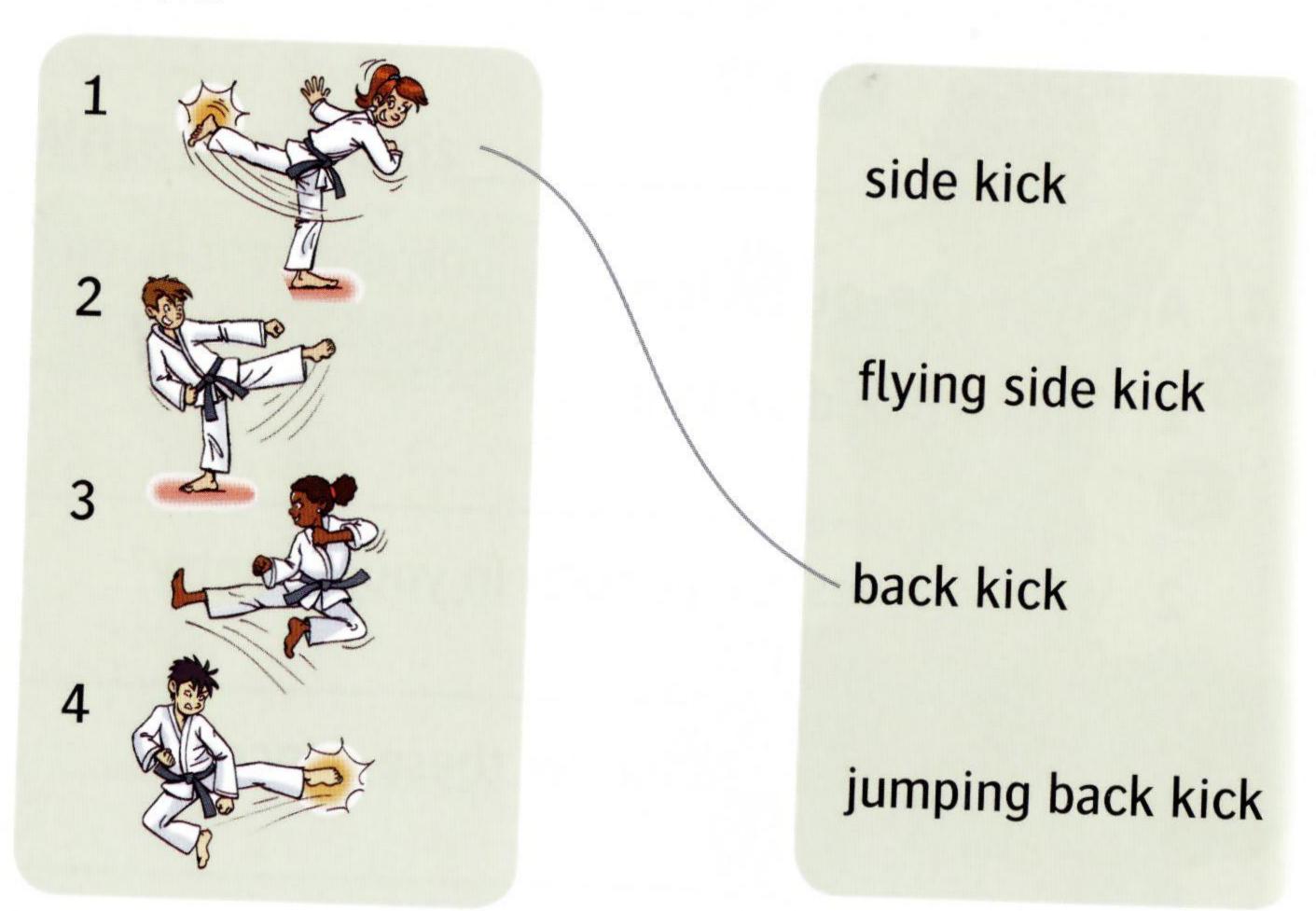
Read pages 10-11.

1 Write true or false.

1	Tae kwon do	is a	national spo	rt in	the	USA.	false
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- 2 It isn't popular in other countries.
- 3 It means 'the way of hands and feet'.
- 4 Students learn how to balance.
- 5 Students wear different-colored belts to show their age.
- 6 The first belt is the yellow belt.

2 Match.



3 Find and write the colors.

Then color the belts.

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4 Match. Then write the sentences.

About 70 million people
Students learn
different moves
Students wear
different-colored belts
The black belt is
In Taeglish lessons
students learn

tae kwon do and English.
the last belt.
practice tae kwon do.
to show their level.
with their hands and feet.

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6 Let's Read!

- Read pages 12-13.
- 1 Find and write the things that you can read.

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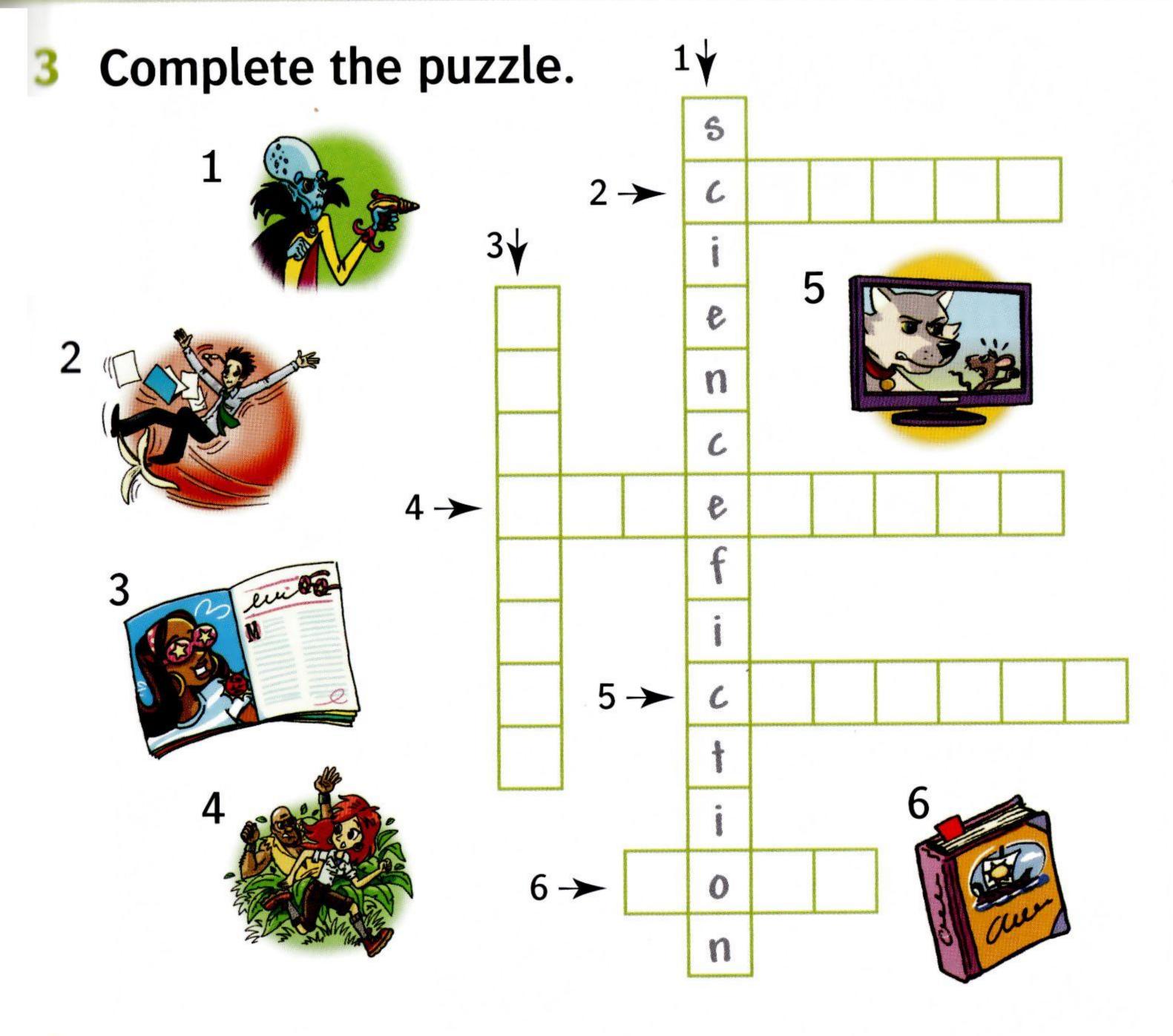
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2 Write true or false.

1	Manga started in Japan.	

- 2 Manga books don't have pictures.
- 3 There's manga for all ages.
- 4 There isn't any manga on the Internet.
- 5 There are manga cafés in Japan.
- 6 There are manga reading groups in the USA.



- 4 Answer the questions.
 - 1 What do you read?
 - 2 When do you read?
 - 3 What's your favorite story?
 - 4 What do people like to read in your country?

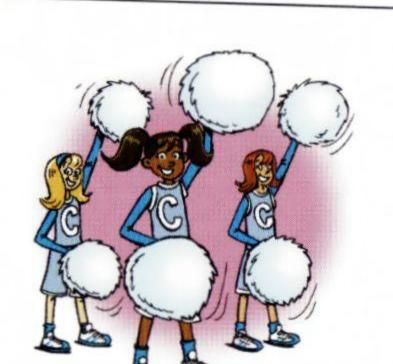
6 At the Game

- Read pages 14-15.
- 1 Write the words.

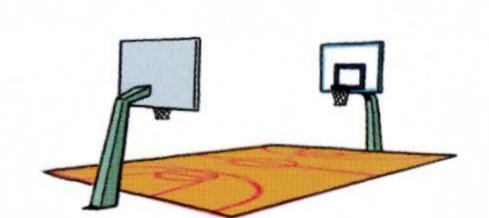
cheerleaders team gymnastics court



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2 Circle the correct words.

- 1 Basketball is a fast / slow sport.
- 2 People play basketball in their houses / gardens.
- 3 Basketball is / isn't very popular in China.
- 4 Cheerleaders support their teacher / team.
- 5 There are 3 / 30 million cheerleaders in the USA.
- 6 Cheerleading is / isn't easy.

3	Write basketball or chee	erleading.					
	1 It's the most popular team in the USA.	n sport					
	2 Most people who do this are female.	activity					
	3 A lot of people play this their free time.	game in					
	4 You have to be good at d to do this.	ance					
	5 You can watch your favor team on television.	rite					
4	Match. Then write the sentences.						
	Many students are in You can play basketball It's fun to watch basketball Cheerleaders are good at	dance and gymnastics. on television. college basketball teams. in a garden.					
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7 Making Music

- Read pages 16-17.
- Find and write the words.
 Then complete the chart.



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Percussion Instruments	Other Instruments

2 Complete the sentences.

life singing plants times instruments

	1	Music is an important part of in Nigeria.
	2	There is singing and dancing for important
	3	In traditional Nigerian music, there is and people playing instruments.
	4	Children sometimes make their own
	5	They make pipes from
3	Α	nswer the questions.
	1	Do you like singing?
	2	Can you play any musical instruments?
	3	What is your favorite type of music?
	4	What type of music is popular in your country?

Beach Sports

Read pages 18-19.

1 Write the words. Then complete the chart.

swimming surfing volleyball kayaking cricket snorkeling



Water Sports	Sand Sports

2	W	rite true or false.
	1	In Australia there are about
	2	Most people in Australia live near the ocean.
	3	Many beaches in Australia are great for surfing.
	4	People don't play cricket on the beach.
	5	There are thousands of kayak lifeguards in Australia.
	6	The lifeguards keep the beaches safe.
3	Α	nswer the questions.
	1	What beach sports can you do in Australia?
	2	Where can you go sandsurfing?
	3	What beach sports do you like?

Scouting

- Read pages 20-21.
- 1 Find and write the activities. Then complete the diagram.

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Air Activities

Land Activities

Water Activities

		25 1907 216 28 11 6 18
	1	Scouting started in
	2	When Scouting started it was for boys from to years old.
	3	Today, anyone from to years old can be a Scout.
	4	More than million people around the world are Scouts.
	5	There are Scouts in different countries.
3	Α	swer the questions.
	1	When did Scouting start?
	2	Who were the first Scouts?
	3	What did the first Scouts learn to do?
	4	Who can be a Scout today?
	5	Which Scouting activities do you want to try?

2 Write the numbers.

10 Let's Cycle!

Read pages 22–23.

1 Circle the correct words.

- 1 Climbing / Cycling is very popular in the Netherlands.
- 2 The land is flat, so it's a good / bad place to cycle.
- 3 There are 17,000 kilometers of cycle parts / paths.
- 4 In the Netherlands 25% / 85% of people go cycling.
- 5 Cars have to wait for bicycles / planes.

Write cycling or BMX.

1	There are special paths for this.
2	You can do this on a track or in a skatepark.
3	There are two types — freestyle and racing.
4	It's a good sport for where the

3 Match. Then write the sentences.

BMX riding is popular
There are two types
You can do BMX racing
The best place to
practice BMX freestyle

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is in a skatepark.

of BMX riding.

in many countries.

around a track.

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Α	nswer the questions.
1	What type of cycling is popular in your country?
2	Which do you like best, cycling or BMX riding?
3	Which new free-time activities do you want to do?



1 Keep a record of the free-time activities that you do in a week. Write them in this diary.

Monday	Friday
Tuesday	Saturday
Wednesday	
	Sunday
Thursday	

2 At the end of the week write about the activities.

On Monday I went to reading club. We read a book by Roald Dahl. It was very funny. We all liked it.

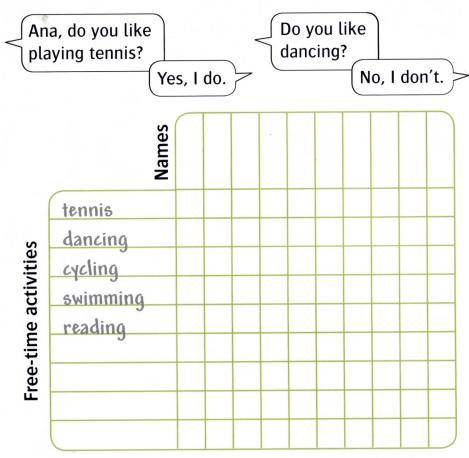
On Tuesday I played soccer with my friends ...



- 1 Write four more free-time activities in the chart.
- 2 Interview your friends and family. Write

 ✓ or

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- 3 Count how many people like each activity.
 What's the most popular free-time activity?
- 4 Display your results.

Picture Dictionary



adventure



balance



bell



camping



cartoon



climbing



clothes



coast



ast comedy



countryside



court



cycle path



desert



drum



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fire



flat



jewel



kayaking



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